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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES \$6 MILLION FOR HIGHWAY 160 IMPROVEMENTS IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, has secured \$6 million for highway improvements in southwest Colorado in the final version of the transportation authorization bill that emerged from a conference committee on Wednesday. The transportation bill is expected to be approved by the House and Senate by Friday and signed into law by President Bush early next week.

The bill provides \$4 million for improvements to U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass and \$2 million for U.S. 160 between Highway 3 and the Florida River.

Senator Allard was a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee that ironed out differences between the U.S. House and Senate versions of the transportation legislation and secured a total of \$110 million for specific transportation projects.

“More than three years of hard work and negotiations on the transportation bill have paid off, with \$6 million specifically directed to Durango and southwest Colorado in the bill,” said Senator Allard. “Highway 160 is a key link in southwest Colorado, and the transportation bill will help to make this route faster and safer.”

“Colorado’s transportation needs continue to grow,” added Senator Allard. “As a member of the conference committee, I was pleased to be able to secure \$110 million for a long list of critically-needed highway projects throughout Colorado.”

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